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■ COUNCIL: GTA bid lowest of three ■ MARKET: Last Thursday remaining in the Pelham Farmers' Market season

Town to 'The roots of your community'

re-tender Old Town Hall roofing project

WAYNE CAMPBELL PelhamNEWS Staf

Town council will re-tender a repair job for the roof of Old Pelham Town Hall after a Greater Toronto Area firm submitted the lowest tender

Ward 1 Coun. Larry Clark presented an amendment to a motion to accept the tender calling for a change in the shingle style to a 35-year warranty from the specified 25-year.

In commenting on his motion, he questioned why a tender from a GTA firm was 30% lower than those of two local firms.

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Fred Arbour, chair of the Pelham Farmers' Market board, left, and longtime vendor William Van Vliet reminisce about this year's market and Van Vliet's success.

VICTORIA GRAY Pelham News Staff

Cathy Berkhout-Bosse likes to know where her food comes from, so she goes to farmers' markets. She visits Pelham Farmers'

Market fairly regularly because she thinks fresh food is good for the environment and just tastes better.

"It connects you to the roots of your community," she said However, fall has come and the end of October signals the end of

the market season. Market chair Fred Arbour said last week it was hard to believe there are only two more market Thursdays until the end of the season.

"It's unfortunately coming to an end," he said, "It was a good year up 'til about mid-summer when we hit some that stinking hot weather." Arbour said the market, now in its

eighth year, had an average year, but ran into some problems. The beginning of the summer was very wet, the middle had record-

breaking heat and the market was forced to move from town hall's parking lot to another on Pelham Town Sq., but that confused some people because the layout of the market changed for that time due to hydro needs. "I know some vendors told me

their sales weren't quite as good this year as they have been in the past, and I'm sure for some it was better."

The parking lot was repayed by the city in late August and although the market has moved back next vear there may be a problem.

The town has not decided whether to paint the same number of parking spaces or to widen them. The market has 26 stalls now, but they will lose two if the town decides

"We're kind of at the mercy of the town right now." Arbour said "Hopefully they will have it all figured out soon.

The market hasn't grown much in eight years because it is limited to 26 stalls. They have always been full

and there has always been a waiting "We could move to the arena, I guess. We would have more space and more parking, but I don't think

you would get the people," he said. William Van Vliet, who operates Upper's Lane Acres, grows and sells all his own produce and has been at the market since it started. In 2010 his garlic won first place at the Royal Winter Fair in Toronto.

He doesn't look forward to the winter because growing is his

"This is my enjoyment in life. growing these vegetables, especially when I start everything from seed and have to get it to a saleable prod-

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Local firms come with higher quotes

He said the town turns to local businesses for support for such events as the mayor's gala and other fundraising "If we want support from

local businesses, we should support local businesses," he Local businesses provide local jobs. Money spent in the

community stays in the local economy, he said An April windstorm tore shingles from the roof of the Old Pelham Town Hall. A plastic tarp has covered the

roof but town council decided to replace it before winter. In accordance with the town's procurement policy, staff put out a call for price

quotations. Three came back. Dominion Sheet Metal & Roofing Works of Toronto had the lowest at \$11.694. Two local firms quoted Herb Lodde & Sons Roofing Ltd at \$16,890 and Personal Touch Home Improvements \$17,349.50

Ward 3 Coun. John Durley opposed putting the matter on Monday's council agenda The town has a policy of allowing staff to make decisions on such projects when the value was under \$25,000. Councillors appear to be trying to tell staff how to do their jobs, he said.

During the debate on the matter, Durley said he was participating under protest. "There is a time to campaign and there is a time to govern," he said. "This is a

time to govern. The councillor said he heard more from people who wanted lower taxes more than on anything else

"Yet here we are objecting to saving the taxpayers Ward 1 Coun. Richard Rybiak asked how a 30% gap was possible, whether local

roofers were aware of the request for quotations and, if something goes wrong, will there be a problem of Ward 3 Coun. Peter Papp asked about the legal impli-

cations of changing the specification to request more Chief administrative office Martin Yamich cautioned council against simply asking for quotes from the same

three who submitted them. The bids are now public "We would not be playing fair," he said, "Everyone would know each others business." It was better to go through

an open tendering process again, he said. In a recorded vote to retender the revised project, Durley voted against it.

Supporting it were Clark, Papp, Rybiak, Ward 2 Coun Gary Accursi and Mayor Dave

WOUTH: Salute from town council

Army Cadets win three awards



JOE CSEH Staff Photos ABOVE: Don McCumber, president Army Cadet League Ontario, left, presents Captain Leo Giovenazzo the Col. William A. Maddox Award to the top Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps in Ontario for outstanding achievement in the Small Corps Category and the 613 Lincoln & Welland Regiment Army Cadets also won best army cadet corp in its southwestern Ontario district for the second year in a row.

LEFT: Dom McCumber, president Army Cadet League of Ontario presents Warrant Officer Ryan Waskawich, 613 Lincoln & Welland Regiment Army Corps the Major-General Howard Award

PelhamNEWS Staff

The local army cadet corps celebrated a hat

trick. The 613 Lincoln and Welland Regiment Army Cadet Corps has won three

major awards. For the second year in a row, it brought home the Lord Strathcona thorphy for best small corps in the army cadet corps' south-

western Ontario district. With that accomplishment in its pocket, it received the Col. William Maddox Award as top Royal Canadian Cadet Corps in

Ontario for small corps. To round out the hat trick, Warrant Officer Ryan Waskawich received the Major General Howard Award for provincial level

accomplishment. The cadets celebrated the reception of the awards at a recent parade in their

headquarters. The corps meets in the Branch 613 Royal Canadian Legion hall on Regional Rd.

20 in Fonthill. At Monday's town council meeting, Mayor Dave Augustyn saluted the cadets for their triple

accomplishment. He also thanked them for their community contributions during local events such as Canada Day celebrations, Remembrance Day ceremonies and other events in the town.















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■ SAFETY: Firefighters can appear almost 'alien-like' to scared children, says Pelham fire prevention officer

Keeping kids safe

MARYANNE FIRTH PelhamNEWS Staff

All eyes were on Saskia Holditch as she pulled a black metal box into view. Though it was small, the box was locked to showcase the potential danger that could be found inside.

After all, it only takes one match to light a fire. Holditch, Pelham's fire prevention officer, was at Pelham Public Library's Fonthill branch to talk fire

safety with local children.
She brought the box to
test the young crowd of
preschoolers about the difference between toys, such
as cards, cars and bouncy
balls, and potentially dangerous items, such as light-

ers, matches and candles.
If a child should find one
of the latter items laying
around, they should not
only leave it alone but also
inform an adult about their
findings, Holditch told
the youngsters and their

About 50 people packed into the library's children's section for the event, which was held in conjunction with Fire Prevention Week.

Holditch read the children a fire safety story and gave quick lessons on stop, drop and roll, 911, and the importance of having working smoke alarms in the house.

Fire Capt. Frank

Lehmann brought his bunker gear to the event and dressed up one of the parents to show children all the elements that keep firefighters safe when entering a burning building.

Not only was it an opportunity for youth to learn about the different equipment, it was a chance for them see that underneath all the gear is a regular person, Holditch said.

Young children have a tendency to hide from frefighters when they're stuck in an emergency situation. The air tanks they use to
breathe can make funny
noises and with all the
gear on a firefighter can
appear "almost alien-like,"
Holditch said.

By showing youth the person underneath the gear, Holditch hopes to ease those fears and teach children not to hide from the person who is trying to save them.

Holditch encouraged parents to begin teaching their children about fire safety as soon as they're "old enough to walk and talk."

This way, she said, the entire family can be well informed about safety precautions that could someday save their lives.

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MARYANNE FIRTH Staff Photos

Fire prevention officer Saskia Holditch and Capt. Frank Lehmann, both of the Pelham fire department, help parent Leah Letford strap on an air tank to complete the bunker gear she demonstrated for visitors to Pelham Public Library on Thursday.



Two-year-old Lane Tadeson hops in the driver's seat of one of Pelham's fire trucks following a fire safety presentation at Pelham Public Library.



Three-year-old Griffin Eller reads a book about fire safety with mom Kara at Pelham Public Library following a presentation by the town's fire prevention officer.



Kade Ukrainetz of Maple Crest Early School in Pelham tries to lift a firefighter's air tank with the assistance of Pelham fire prevention officer Saskia Holditch.

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It's a hump not a bump

ow do you measure the
difference between a speed
"bump" and a speed "hump?" By how
high the junk in you trunk files.
Ward 1 Coun. Richard Ryblak tested

the speed humps on Haist St. He told Pelham town council Monday he drove over them at under the 50 kilometre per hour speed - "not speeding, more like 30 kilometres."

He felt the loose stuff in his trunk rise Town staff Monday delivered its "speed hump investigation" requested

by town council.

In response to e-mails, phone calls
and shouting on the street, councillors
asked for a measurement of the four

humps.
They're at A.K. Wigg School and near
Bigelow Cres., Berkwood Pl. and the
Pelham Arena

The report included detailed sketches of the plans and the measurements.
"A field investigation was conducted which included the checking of lengths and elevations of each of the speed humps," said Alan Mannell, acting

director of community and infrastructure services.

"The investigation concluded that the speed humps were all constructed in accordance with specifications."

In other words, they won't be changed Part of the confusion has to do with the difference between a smaller speed bump, found in plazas and parking lots, and the much bigger hump.

Humps are intended to aggressively discourage speeders, to say nothing about timid drivers. They also lineup with the sidewalks along the hillside. Mannell said the town will erect signs cautioning drivers about the humps.

comment Budget matters in Niagara

Niagara regional council is well underway in the preparation of the 2012 budget.

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In fact there are three budgets:
the capital budget for expenditures
on infrastructure items, vehicles,
equipment and property; the
operating budget, sometimes known
as the current budget and the rate
budget for items like water and

wastewater servicing.
Over the years council has used different approaches and, in the eight years that I have served as a regional councillor for Pelham, the approach has become focused on three principles; affordability, transparency

and sustainability.
Taxpayers should know that
affordability has been on the top of
the agenda for several years now at
the region. We basically said from the
outset that your regional taxes should
be held at or below the inflation rate



after taking into account the new taxes coming from new assessment. In fact we have exceeded that principle for several years and can

principle for several years and can demonstrate significant restraint compared to other regions and major centres in the province. To fillustrate this affordability initiative by Niagara, here are the five year compounded tax increases for some Ontario communities: Durham is 18.8%; Peel is 17.8%; Wardeno is 13.2%; Halton is 7.5% and Niagara is 1.25%.

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Transparency has been the second principle in Niagara. To this end we have been crediting the Province of sissue

in public health and community services for allowing us to reduce the impact on local taxpayers. It should be noted that all municipalities have benefitted from this uploading by the province but the affordability numbers above show that Niagara has been stronger in its pursuit of

taxpayer relief.

Our budget sessions are open to the public and we have not only provided outreach presentations in different communities but we have also provided on-line streaming of sessions and used social media to engage taxpayers. In the Town of Pelham both the mayor and regional councillor have provided yearly information on budget matters

through columns in the local media. Sustainability is the final principle of our multi-year budgetary planning. Council will face this issue bead on in the finalization of our capital budget for 2012 and beyond. It is well known that all municipalities in Canada face an infrastructure deficit. The gas tax has helped alleviate this somewhat but aging infrastructure along with higher standards for roads, bridges, water and sewer lines and waste management escalate the future

problem. It is like a family knowing that their children require longterm funding for their education or that the family vehicle faces future costly repairs or replacement. You might dip into your savings once or twice to cover those costs but at the end of day you will exhaust those funds and have to dip into your monthly budget to survive. That is not providing sustainability.

Inter s no proving statemental to Regional sold are abling us to be Regional sold are abling us to be setting aside a 1% levy on the current budget for the next five years to budget up funds to provide financing for the nequired capital assets in future years. It is similar to parting money adde for your children's education to budding up servings to replace to budding up servings to replace or budding up servings to replace properties of the properties of properties of the properties of years on the assessment of an average bousehold. As above, citizen input is required to assists us should we deliberate this sustainability intiduced.

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Should we appoint or hold a byelection?

Regional Council will need to decide on how to fill a

vacancy.
Since Cindy Forster was elected as the Welland MPP on Oct. 6, she resigned from regional council. She held that role since December 2006 and was handily re-elected during last fall's municipal election.

On Oct. 27, regional council will formally accept her resignation and officially declare her seat vacant. The Municipal Act provides two options to fill the vacancy:

First, regional council may appoint an "eligible" person within 60 days of declaring a seat vacant. An eligible person includes someone who consents to the appointment, and is a Canadian citizen who is at least 18 years old and resides in Nigastra. Second, council may hold a byelection. An eligible candidate



would have to fulfill the same criteria as above. Because Niagara's towns and cities organize municipal elections, the City of Welland would run a byelection. Media reports indicate that Welland City staff guesstimate that a byelection could

cost as much as \$100,000; those costs would be borne by the region, not the gity.

Vacancies on councils have occurred before. Prior to making its decision and in a spirit of collegiality, regional council usually seeks the advice of the city or town council

about their preferred method of filling the vacancy.

For example, when Rob Nicolson one of three Niagara Falls regions ouncillors - was elected as Niagara Falls MP in 2004, regional council sought the advice of the Niagara Falls council; interestingly, the city council did not offer a preferred method to fill the vacancy.

When Mike Collins passed away in 2008, the Region asked St. Catharines council for input; they suggested that regional council appoint the next candidate – Carlos Garcia – from the long list of those who ran for the six St. Catharines seats.

On the advice of Grimsby council, regional council appointed Bob Bentley – a town councillor at the time – to fill the vacancy created when Debble Zimmerman was elected regional chair; then, Grimsby held a byelection to fill their vacant council seat.
Finally, you will recall that
following the resignation of Debbie
Urbanowicz from Pelham Council
last spring. Pelham held a byelection

to fill the vacancy; Richard Rybiak won that fune election. Before the issue comes to the Region, I am very interested in hearing your views; quite frankly, since this new councillor will serve Welland, I am most interested in hearing feedback from Welland residents directly at mayordaw@

pelham.ca.

Residents may also contact their councillors directly, for their contact information, please go to www. welland.ca or www.niagararesion.ca.

You may contact Mayor Dave Augustyn at mayordave@pelham. ca or read past columns at www. pelhammayordave.blogspot.com.

TERRY FOX RUN: School pays tribute to icon



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Pelham Centre Public School students dash in a recent Terry Fox Run at the school. The run for Ferry and related assembly were organized by Michael Snow, a Grade 7 teacher, and his class. The assembly included a tribute to the legacy of lerry Fox and the struggles Terry endured during his Marathon of Hope. Pelham Centre was challenged to raise \$600 in this annual run. It raised more than \$500.



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Elimination draw planned for Nov. 24 to raise funds

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It may be two years away, but initial plans are underway for the celebration of E. L. Crossley Secondary School's 50th

A voluntary group of staff. former staff, parents and alumni have been meeting since May to formulate plans for the event to be held May 17, 18 and 19, 2013. Two retired principals have returned to co-chair the event. Randy Daly, principal from

1995 to 2000 joins friend and colleague Brian Baty, principal from 2000 to 2003 to lead the team to a spectacular celebration in 2013

It has become clear that the undertaking is a significant challenge but a fantastic opportunity to celebrate the excellence of the school over a period of five decades. While plans are still at the preliminary stage, some general agreement is shaping up. The group thinks that the Victoria weekend, 2013 is the

best time and closely fits with the actual 50th year. They are reaching a consensus that most alumni would like the event on-

site rather than external venues One of the first orders of business is to establish a first class website. The group has found an integrated web builder that allows on-line registration, chat forums, e-commerce capabilities for buying tickets, photo uploads, auctions, integration with social media sites like Facebook, Twitter and YouTube

and much more. The concept is currently being examined by current students who have the technological skills to put the site up within the next few weeks. As the group proceeds it is

increasingly clear that it may also be building the foundation for an on-going Alumni Association It needs to provide financial

assistance to create a first class 50th reunion. To that end the group is pro-

posing a series of enjoyable

parents and community members to come together for a good time, to build or rebuild connec-

tions and to provide the necessary base funding to move our reunion plans forward. The first event is an Elimination Draw and dinner at

an opportunity to enjoy a sump-

tuous five course meal, pre-

mium open bar and table wine

the Welland Lions' Hall on River Look for posters displayed at Road in Welland on Thursday, Nov. 24. Tickets will be \$65 with

Only 300 tickets will be avail-

able on a first-come and firstserved basis. Business sponsors are also encouraged to participate by sponsoring tables for \$50 with public recognition for their community support.

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Supplied Photo Annie the Clown and Mayor Dave Augustyn show off his new hat at St. Ann Catholic School's second annual Chili Cook-Off on Sunday, Taking first place for best overall was the 2x4 Diner, a close second place was Vineland Estates and the mayor placed third. An honorable mention went to the Fenwick Lions. missing third place by one vote. DaVinci's of Fenwick won the hottest category by a landslide. The Chilinators secured second place and Just JESS snatched third place. The afternoon was filled with pumpkin painting, Mad Science demos and the talents of Annie the Clown. DMZ Paintball organized a laser tag course complete with inflatable bunkers. This was a hit with the big and little kids.

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■ ELECTION: Students learn about voting



WAYNE CAMPBELL Staff Photo Fonthill's St. Alexander Catholic School Grade 8 students Cassandra Moldavan

placing her ballot and Alyssa Girotti filling hers out learned about the voting process as part of a two-week study of the Ontario election.

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Kinsmen craft show draws hundreds

ALLAN BENNER Tribune Staff

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WELLAND - Sure. they're a technically a service club from Pelham. But the Fonthill and District Kinsmen Club Dave

Kuckyt said the organization is "trying to develop a little more prominence in Welland." "There is no Kinsmen

Club in Welland and we're trying to get a little more exposure here," he said. The Kinsmen are doing that in several ways, such

as providing scholarships to students from Welland schools, and supporting Welland-based charities. The second annual Kinsmen Craft Show is another way the service club is getting involved in this community, said Kuckyt, who organized this

year's show. The event, held Saturday and Sunday at Centennial Secondary School, attracted hundreds of shoppers as well as about 70 crafters and artisans displaying their work at tables set up throughout the high school's hallways.

The event started years ago as a fundraiser for Women's Place of South Niagara. However, since taking over running the show. Kuckyt said the Kinsmen have continued to dedicate some of the proceeds to helping the shelter

for women and children. Kuckyt said proceeds from a 50-50 draw during the show were to be donated to Women's Place. "They did start the craft show, and we wanted to continue developing rela-

tionships with these people and helping as much as we can in different parts of the community," he said. The cooler temperatures that arrived during the weekend may have helped a little. After all, the Kinsmen were promoting their second annual craft show as a chance to start

Christmas shopping early. "That was our motto for our craft show, 'Christmas shopping starts here," he

By getting local high schools involved, as well local vendors and organizations. Kuckyt said they hoped "to build up a lot of community spirit through the event.

For instance, he said students from Eastdale Secondary School's culinary arts program prepared and served meals during the event while Centennial Secondary School students sold raffle tickets to raise money for the school's cheerleaders.

"We're trying to develop a community thing by getting local people and local crafters in this," he said. "A lot of times you go to places and they have really good crafters but they've come from outside (the

community.) He said the bulk of the crafters at the annual show at Centennial were from Niagara

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ALLAN BENNER Staff Photos

ABOVE: Seven-year-old Josh Lepore checks out some cats and monkeys made from socks being sold by one of the 70 vendors at the Fonthill Kinsmen arts and craft show at Centennial Secondary School.

LEFT: Ann Marie Ens from Nature's Kindred Alpacas talks to Dave Kuckyt, organizer of the Fonthill Kinsmen arts and craft show at Centennial Secondary School, Saturday, Ens. who makes clothing and blankets from alpaca yarn, was one of about 70 vendors who participated in the second annual event





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Communities in Bloom

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The Communities in Bloom Committee has a busy week underway.

On Wednesday, it handed out its 2011 Trillium Awards to property owners who did exceptional work on their gardens and landscaping. To win, the work had to be seen from the streets to receive credit for brightening the image of Pelham.

Over the next three days, the committee launched a new approach to its semi-annual Participation Day. Instead of a one day event, it has spread the clean up over three with each aimed at a different sector of

the community. On Thursday, five Pelham schools - Pelham Centre, St. Ann. A.K. Wigg. Glynn A. Green and E.L. Crossley carried out clean up projects.

Pelham Centre, for example, will clear trash from the road it adonted - Centre St. between Welland Rd. and Canhom Rd

On Friday, local businesses took on Corporate Challenge Day, They stepped outside to spruce up their property and the street around them. On Saturday, it will be the Community Cleanup Day.

Between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. crews will form at Centennial Park in Fenwick to cover parts of the town

with clean up crews. Residents can also register on line at www.pelham.ca about their own neighbourhood cleaning projects. Katie Thorpe, who is co-ordinat-

ing registations at town hall said the response has been very good. The schools are particularly enthusiastic with A.K. Wigg students, for example, will work on its

butterfly garden. Communities in Bloom Trillium Awards were handed out during Wednesday's CIB Appreciation event at the Pelham Public Library. The judges were Kareen Vermeer

of Vermeer's Greenhouses and Debra Reid from the town's parks and recreation department The committee received more than 25 entries within the town of

Pelham. Winners were selected in nine

categories 1 Residential Small:

First Place - Dave and Ruth Wanless 47 Rolling Meadows Blvd. Second Place - Graham and Mary Ashdown 4 Blackwood Cres. Fonthi Honorable Mention - Karl and Annemarie Vahrmever 1152 Balfour St. Fenwick

2 Residential Large:

First Place - Mardi and Everett Collins 1046 Stains St. Fenwick Second Place - Jack Dekort 1014 Centre St Fenwick Honorable Mention- Evelyn Snyker 183 Welland Rd. Fenwick

3 Residential Small Professionally Landscaped: First Place - David Buttell - 1372 Pelham St. Fonthill Second Place - Leo & Rita Bruzzese 17 Pinecrest Ct. Fonthill 4 Residential Large

First Place - Pierina Valleriani -240 Pancake Lane Ridgeville

5 Commercial Property: First Place - In the Village- 304 Canboro Rd. Ridgeville Second Place - Clare Todd Holdings Corp. Fonthill Animal Hospital - 137 Hwy 20 Fonthill Honorable Mention - Fonthill Paint & Paper - 96 Hwy 20 E Fonthill

First Place - 2,4,5,8,10,12,14,16.18 Timmsdale Cres- Keith Mitchell Second Place - Town Sq Manor

55 Pelham Town Square Fonthill Honorable Mention - Keith and Linda Pietz - 27 Buckley Terrace and Mike & Jennifer McBride - 27, 25 Buckley Terrace. 7 Best Balcony

First Place - Jim Faragalli - 1360 Haist St. Fonthill Apt 8

8 Schools, Churches and Institutions

First Place - St. Ann Catholic Church- 834 Canboro Rd. Fenwick Second Place - Pelham Centre School 1165 Centre St. Benwick 9 Most Improved Residential or

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St. Alexander Catholic School students, in front from left, Tyler Connelly, Lauren Leonard and Wesley Gibson and, in back, Johnathan Hallchurch, Marisa Battista and Sabrina Tornabuono arrange some of the 1,700 food items collected by students. The Thanksgiving project was organized by the Me-To-We Club. The students later carried the food down Regional Rd. 20 to Pelham Cares where they helped to stock shelves and learn about the local community service agency and the needs it



Rolling up your sleeves to knock out the flu

EDDIE CHAU Tribune Staff

WELLAND - It's time to roll up your Autumn is usually the time of year

when the flu season picks up. To prepare vourself to ward off the virus. Niagara Region Public Health will hold a series of flu immunization clinics for residents to protect themselves against influenza. The clinics will run Nov. 1 to 14 Donna Kalailieff, manager of vaccine

preventable disease, said this year's vac-■ FIRE STATION NO. 3

Kubota rescues hiker in

Short Hills PelhamNEWS Staff

Pelham Fire Station No. 3 put its Kubota rough terrain vehicle to use Monday night to rescue an injured hiker in Short Hills Provincial Park. The hiker broke her leg about just over a kilometre into the park near Swayze Falls

The area was not accessible by the ambulance or other conventional emergency vehicles, said Fire Chief Jim Phelps

One of the hikers in the group with her called 911. The Short Hills Fire and Rescue

firefighters were prepared for just such an emergency. They donated a Kubota RTV to the town a couple of years ago. They rushed the RTV to the

Roland Road entrance to the park. They carried the ambulance crew and its equipment to where the biker had fallen Under the ambulance's guidance,

the patient was then loaded onto the Kubota and taken out of the park to the ambulance.

"You have to anticipate various scenarios in your community, and your training and equipment should reflect the risk scenarios. This is an excellent example of our firefighters being prepared" said Phelps.

The Kubota is kept at Fire Station No. 3 on Sixteen Rd. and is used regularly in training exercises.

cine will shield against three strains of the flu virus - two type A viruses, H1N1 and H3N2, and one type B influenza

In south Niagara, the first clinic is in Wainfleet Tuesday, Nov. 8, at the Wainfleet Firefighters' Memorial Community Hall.

In Port Colborne, the flu clinic will run Wednesday, Nov. 9, at St. James and St. Brendan Church (72 Charlotte St.).

Welland's clinic will take place Monday. Nov. 14, at Rice Road Community Church.

All three run 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. "The vaccine is already available at local physicians but for those who may not have one, they can certainly attend the clinics," Kalailieff said.

"These vaccines are a good match to the strains currently circulating." Kalailieff said many people believe they only need to get the shot once in their lifetime, but the typical shot only protects the body for about six to eight

"People should get the shot once a vear — not only to protect yourself but to keep the flu (from) spreading to your loved ones;

After Nov. 17, the flu shot will be available at a general immunization clinic at Niagara Region's publoic health office on you cough and sneeze."

No appointment is necessary for the clinics. People should wear a shortsleeved shirt and bring a valid health card and/or driver's licence. For general prevention of the disease

Kalailieff recommends a few simple "Wash your hands thoroughly and often. Also, cover your mouth whenever



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FALL FAIR: Ugulini wins zucchini contest



WAYNE CAMPBELL Staff Photo Grade 1 student Joria Ugulini won the Great Zucchini Weigh Off at the 15th annual St. Ann Catholic School Fall Fair, The 6.1 kilogram zucchini of the record 7.7 kilogram one from

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PelhamNFWS Staff bollards along the recently reconstructed Pelham St. in

medal posts drew complaints

from merchants and motor-

ists. Passenger doors open-

ing against them could be

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Monday, acting infrastruc-

ture services director Alan

Mannell said conflicts all

related to the east side of the

downtown Fonthill The location of the thick

The town will remove some

To remedy concerns, the

town will make changes A backless bench between driveways to the Meridian Credit Union and Vision

centre will be removed. It could get hit by turning vehicles. It will be placed in front of the TD Bank Three bollards between Centre Variety and the TD

Bank at the mid points of parking stalls will be removed. Those at ends of stalls will remain to show a nodestrian area

Similarly, two bollards in front of Sadie's Lingerie and Cafe on Main will be removed as well as two in front of Marilee's Bridal and Evening Fashions. Those at the end of stalls will stay.

The work will be done in 2012 at an estimated cost of

Mannell said the town will keep the removed bollards in

"We're sure that some day a car will bump into the others and they will be needed as replacements in the future."

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LIBRARY EVENTS

WELLAND HIGH & VOCATIONAL SCHOOL HISTORY

In the early morning hours of Saturday, June 18, 2011, fire blazed through the vacant Welland High and Vocational School building, Welland and the surrounding communities have lost a piece of important history. Join us as Merritt House Media presents "Welland High Memorial," a short history and tribute to Welland High. Some footage from the 2009 reunion will also be shown. Copies of the DVD will be for sale. Bring your Welland High memorabilia and photos. Tuesday, Oct. 25 at 7:30 p.m. \$3.00. Please register ahead. Pelham Public Library.

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program in Brazil

For Pelham NEWS The Rotary Club of Fonthill is once again

■ SERVICE CLUB

inviting young professionals to take part in the Group Study Exchange. The 2012 destination is Brazil Group Study Exchange involves young professionals between the ages of 25 and

40 who have been in their vocation for a minimum of two years and who are not a member of Rotary nor related to a Rotarian. Successful candidates must be able to

take a month away from their job to travel to Brazil and must be prepared to attend frequent team meetings between December and their departure date of April 26, 2012 (returning May 28, 2012).

The application deadline is Nov. 21. 2011. with the selection session happening all day on a Saturday, Dec. 10.

The Group Study Exchange program, sponsored by the Rotary International Foundation, is an exciting program is to give young business and professional men and women the opportunity to experience a cultural and vocational exchange. The program provides travel grants for a fourperson team and a Rotarian team leader. While in Brazil, the team members are

More detailed information and appli cations can be obtained by visiting www. rotary.org; search for the "Group Study Exchange Program." For more information from the Rotary Club of Fonthill, send an email to fonthillrotary@cogeco.ca

being hosted by local Rotarians.

the Pelham Public Library's Overdrive e-books on a Kobo. You must have basic computer skills Please bring your Kobo, your email address and a Pelham Public Library card in good standing. Please register ahead in person, Oct, 25, Please call for times, \$5. Pelham Public Library

MAGICAL HALLOWEEN PARTY

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CREATIVE HOLIDAY CARD MAKING

Make four festive cards that you can use for the

upcoming holidays. Various folding techniques will be demonstrated. Limited to 20 participants. \$10 Please register ahead, Nov. 1, Either 10 a.m.-12 p.m. or 6-8 p.m. \$10 includes materials. Pelham Public Library.

MEDITATION MORNING

Pelham Public Library.

Join Marcia as she leads you through a number of different types of meditations for stress relief and focus. Great for beginners and those who have meditated before. Please bring a pen and notebook with you. Nov. 5 from 9:30-11:30 \$3.00.

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BED BUG INFORMATION SESSION It is possible for anyone, anywhere to

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WAYNE CAMPBELL Staff Photo LEFT: Library volunteer Shannon Joyce, left, Laura Kmety, Pelham Public Library deputy director, and volunteers Leann Fang and Jannelle Wiens make a root beer float at the library's Volunteers Rock appreciation party. The party theme was 1950s rock 'n' roll.

Melanie Taylor-Ridgway presents a prize for best 1950s costume to Maria



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■ REMEMBERING: 'Maybe people can get a little bit of closure'

Mourning loss of Welland High

VICTORIA GRAV PelhamNEWS Staff

PELHAM - Welland High and Vocational School may be no more, but it lives on with its students.

"I think the fire was quite traumatic for a lot of people in Welland, not just people who went to Welland High, and I think giving people an opportunity to talk about their school experiences and mourn the loss of the school and also celebrate the good times is very important," says Elaine Anderson, Pelham Public Library's public services

Fire destroyed the school on June 18 and demolition started soon after. Although the museum was given two time capsules found during demolition, people still yearn for more information about the school

Pelham library wants to give people a chance to come together, mourn and remember the school fondly next Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at the Fonthill branch. There will be a \$3 admission fee.

Call the library at 905-892-6443 to register. People are encouraged to bring their Welland High memorabilia and their

memories. There will be light refreshments served. Anderson, who graduated from the school in 1976, says she felt a sense of

loss after the fire "Maybe people can get a little bit of closure talking about being at the building and walking the halls, having an opportunity to get together with people you went to school with over the years. We shared a lot of common memories

inside the building," she says.

Merritt House Media will show a film. Welland High and Vocational School Memorial DVD, from the school's 2009 reunion which producer Kevin Gibson says contains more than 12 minutes of historical information about the school and interviews with people who attended the reunion. He says the video is an hour and 20

minutes long, but the entire video will not be shown. Copies of the video will be available for \$19.95.

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■ SOCCER: Crossley hosts tournament for athletes with special needs







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TOP LEFT: Players from the seven schools on eight teams in the second annual high school soccer fournament for special needs students gather for a group photo on the grounds of ELL Crossley Secondary School in Pelham. Schools represented are Crossley, Beamsville, Port Colborne, Eastdale, Governor Simcoe, St. Catharines Collegiate, and Fort Erie.

LEFT: Posing with the ELC World Cup, during second annual high school soccer tournament for special needs students, are three players from the host school, E.L. Crossley, Crossley students created the trophy from pieces of outdated trophies and a globe. Plaques will be updated from the trophy's new role.

ABOVE: E.L. Crossley Secondary School Cyclone battle with the Beamsville Buccaneers in a round robin contest Wednesday. Crossley hosted the ELC World Cup, the second annual high school soccer fournament for special needs students. More than 80 students from seven high schools - Crossley, Beamsville, Port Colborne, Eastdale, Governor Simcoe, St. Catharines Collegiate and fort Erie.

■ HOCKEY

Star Tile drops one to Dunnville

For PelhamNEWS The Star Tile Pelham Panther Bantam

Rep hockey Team lost their first game of the regular season by a score of 6-3 in Dunnville.

Panther Goals were scored by Sam Fennel from Carter Zides, Brandon Winnicki from newcomer Nick Loscavo and James Slappendale and the third. The Panthers will now regroup and prepare for upcoming games Monday and Thursday both versus St. Catharines.

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No luck for the Irish in rematch

BERND FRANKE PelhamNEWS Staff

WELLAND - A team from outside of the newspaper's circulation area continues to make the biggest headlines at the Tribune Girls Basketball Tournament

Two-time defending champion A.N. Myer defeated Notre Dame 56-32 in Saturday night's championship final at Niagara College, extending the reign by a Niagara Falls high school at the senior girls tournament to four years. Saint Paul won the midseason battle for basketball bragging rights in 2008, also against the Fighting Irish, who have now lost four championship finals in a row.

Myer opened the nightcap of a championship doubleheader at Niagara College with a 5-0 run and never surrendered the lead in a convincing win that had the Marauders up 29-21 at the half and ahead 40-27 three quarters in.

Head coach Tracey Phelps said taking control of the game was a key component in Myer's game plan.

"It's hard to come in and play a tough team on what is essentially their home court. she said, "Notre Dame came ready to play, and this is their



BERND FRANKE Staff Photo Jean Vanier guard Melanie Tanguay, with the ball, uses an unidentified teammate to block E.L. Crossley defender Megan Benson in qualifying-round Tribune Girls Basketball Tournament action Wednesday in Welland, Vanier went on win

in the game right from the

Though the triple A Marauders had already defeated quad A Notre Dame

in regular season action, Myer was anything but complacent when it prepared to face the Irish in the rematch, Phelps pointed out Notre Dame

had been without two of its top contributors, Vanessa Vanderzalm and Ouinn Vos. in that earlier game.

"You have to start over for every game. Momentum rarely carries over to the next game," added the Myer coach, whose team's record is 3-0 in league play and 14-0 overall. Grade 11 student Victoria Rampado, who led the Marauders with 28 points on her way to be selected the tournament's most valuable player for the third straight

that Myer get an early lead. "This is their home court, so we had to take it away from them out front," said Rampado, who was selected to the first all-star team, along with older sister Vanessa. She said the Marauders' strong play on defence was a

year, also said it was essential

big factor in the win. And our shots dropped for once." Victoria Rampado

added with a laugh. Notre Dame head coach Claude Laliberte said with Vanderzalm and Vos back in the lineup, though not yet at 100% after suffering ankle injuries. Notre Dame played better defensively than in its first game against Myer this

"We also had more - Tribune Tournament. rebounds this time, but our problem is we need to improve on offence. We missed some easy shots and

had trouble recognizing some of their defensive setups," he While "not happy at all" with the result, Laliberte called Notre Dame's 3-1 record in the tournament four more steps to "our goal, which

is SOSSA."

"Every game is no more important than any other. We want to improve every time we play so we can be ready for SOSSA," added Laliberte, whose team has an automatic bye into the Southern Ontario Secondary Schools Association semifinals.

"What we wanted to do was limit the damage, but the game got away from us," Vos, a Grade 12B student, said after playing in her first - and last "Hopefully, we can get

together and learn from this Notre Dame, which captured three straight championships after losing the inaugural Tribune Tournament to Lakeshore Catholic, tipped off this year's tournament by dominating Thorold 57-4. After defeating Denis Morris 42-28 in a quarter-final, the Irish doubled Ridley College 50-25 to reach the A final for the eighth time in eight

Myer topped Fort Erie 57-36 in Wednesday's qualifying round before going on to defeat Churchill 67-16 and St. Francis 52-38 to clinch a berth in the final

tournaments.

It was the Marauders' second gold medal in as many tournaments. Myer also won the championship the week before at the Standard Tournament in St. Catharines.















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■ TRIBLINE TOURNAMENT: Lakeshore 53 Centennial 52 **Gators edge Cougars in 'awesome' nailbiter**

REPND FRANKE PelhamNEWS Staff

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did her family proud Saturday

She scored eight points Centennial in the consola-

and Krietina Katie Yallin was an all-

star in January 2005 when Lakeshore defeated Notre Dame to win the inaugural girls tournament at Welland Arena, Alex Yallin was named to the first all-star team in each of the next two years. and Andrea Yallin received

the same honour in 2008. Stephanie Vallin, the oldest daughter of Mark and Karen Yallin of Port Colborne, also played her high school hoops at Lakeshore, but was already competing at the university level in Guelph when the Tribune Girls Basketball Tournament was first held in January 2005.

To say the least. Katie Yallin's final Tribune Tournament game is one she won't soon forget.

"It was anyone's game. It was definitely nerve-racking." said the Grade 12 student who, along with co-captain Mackenzie Klauck, had the added responsibility of getting their teammates to focus on the next play, not the team's last mistake.

"We needed to play our game and not do anything

Alvssa Kramer appreciated the calming influence of Lakeshore's co-captains. "We make one mistake, but we make up for it when a

shot goes in, so it's all good." In a tense fourth quarter. the Gators scored five threepointers against none for Centennial

"Those definitely gave us a boost. Once you're up, you have confidence back on your side," the Grade 11 student said, beaming a smile of happiness and relief. There were a lot of turn-

overs in the B final and each team alternated runs of hot shooting with cold slumps as the momentum shifted back and forth. Lakeshore was up 51-46 with 1:15 remaining in regulation, seemingly on its way to a close victory when Centennial scored two quick baskets to trail by one.

After Yallin missed a free throw, Bridget Atkinson put the Cougars ahead 52-51 with 24.4 on the clock.

It was then Ashlev Dockrill's turn in the spotlight, and the Lakeshore guard made the most of it. She drained a basket with 13.5 seconds left and grabbed a rebound that limited any time for a Centennial comeback to 0.1 seconds.

Cougars head coach Kelly Spiers enjoyed the game as much as the fans. "What an exciting game, it was awesome," said Spiers,

admitting she had all but conceded the contest to the "When we were down by five, I thought 'This is it.' We had a shot but, unfortunately.

we didn't make it. That's all you can ask for." Spiers, who praised her players for never quitting. said if Centennial had to lose, a nailbiter was preferrable to

a blowout

When we were down by five. I thought 'This is it.' We had a shot but. unfortunately, we didn't make it. That's all you can ask for."

Kelly Spiers. Centennial Coupars head coach

"It's way tougher to lose a blowout, because you know you played poorly," she said, suggesting that a close game also gives teams experience in "how to respond to situations." "So the next time we get

that last shot, we will make

Both the Cougars and Gators were bounced to the B side of the bracket after opening the four-day. 16-team tournament with losses. Centennial dropped a 55-47 decision to Ridley College and Lakeshore lost 57-28 to St. Francis.

After rebounding from their qualifying-round loss with a 46-31 victory over Saint Michael, the Cougars advanced to the consolation championship with a 55-33 defeat of Port High in Friday's semifinal round, which also was played at Niagara College, the sponsor of this vear's tournament. Lakeshore's road to

the bronze-medal game included a 45-41 victory over E.L. Crossley and a 45-28 win against Fort Erie.



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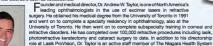
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Lasik ProVision is the Niagara Peninsula's only comprehensive refractive centre which deals with the treatment of common visual disorders. The centre was founded in its current location in 1999 and has evolved to a state of the art refractive centre with a global reputation for the laser correction of nearsightedness, farsightedness and astigmatism. It is a world leader in bringing the treatment of Zeiss Laser Blended Vision Vision for the treatment of presbyopic "reading glasses vision" to North America. In addition, the centre specializes in the treatment of cataracts and corneal disorders such as keratoconus.



in the Department of Ophthalmology

Lasik ProVision has evolved in its current location from its original incarnation as Lasik Vision, which brought affordable lasik eve surgery to North America, Dr. Taylor restructured Lasik Vision in 2001 as a founding principal and owner of Lasik MD, which then went on to expand refractive clinics across Canada. In 2005, Dr. Taylor left Lasik MD to focus on more customized patient eyecare. In addition to his base clinic in Niagara Falls, he underwent an international expansion to London, England, Brussels, Belgium and the United States, Currently, in addition to his work in Niagara Falls, Dr. Taylor is involved in the development

of a comprehensive ophthalmic centre in Toronto "What is exciting now in refractive laser eye surgery is the safety of the procedure and the range of treatment options now available for patients. It is rare that a patient cannot benefit from refractive surgery" says Dr. Taylor. "The greatest development in recent years has been the use of the femtosecond laser for the creation of the flap upon which the lasik procedure is based. Not only does this create a thinner and more uniform flap which leads to better optical outcomes, it alleviates the need for a blade and cutting microkeratome which was for many patients the biggest hurdle preventing them from having refractive lasik surgery. The safety factor is so great, I no longer utilize the microkeratome blade in lasik eye surgery". Dr. Taylor has extensive experience on several laser platforms. "While we started with the Bausch and Lomb platform in 1999, the industry has moved forward to provide greater customization for the unique optical errors of each individual patient. At Lasik ProVision, we have the Wavelight Allegretto platform but we are increasingly shifting to the Zeiss Meditec MEL 80 platform with the Visumax femtosecond laser. "This platform in my belief delivers the optimal reshaping of the cornea to maintain the natural corneal shape for optimal optical correction and customization. Zeiss laser Blended Vision is unique in the treatment of presbyopia or "reading glasses vision". It is the only excimer laser platform that predictably increases the range of vision so patients can see at near, intermediate and far without the loss of stereovision. This is truly exciting. Previously, and on other laser platforms, we could only treat with monovision with one eye corrected for far and one eye corrected for distance. This left patients with a loss of intermediate vision and reduced stereoacuity. It

worked, but Zeiss Laser Blended Vision works so much better." What is the future of refractive surgery? "The future is continuing to refine the refractive outcome with ever safer and less invasive procedures. I am very excited that within the next year, we will begin to fully utilize the femtosecond laser's potential, going beyond the creation of better flaps to conducting the entire laser procedure within the cornea without a flap. This may sound like science fiction, but it is a reality and I am honoured that Zeiss has chosen to partner with Lasik ProVision in Niagara Falls to bring this technology to North America.



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